

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1024

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Lena Atkinson on the grand occasion of her 100th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, This gracious lady is well known for her charm and generosity of spirit; born Lena Franklin in Brenham, Texas, on June 5, 1905, she is now a beloved resident of Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, In spite of health problems, Lena still cooks twice a day, shops for groceries, washes clothes, and cleans a four-bedroom house for one of her sons and herself; and

**WHEREAS**, A revered and respected member of her community, Lena Atkinson is noted for her engaging personality and her courage and compassion for others; and

**WHEREAS**, She had four children, and her two remaining sons are Leon Abbs, who is 77, and Willie Abbs, who is 78; she also has a granddaughter, Patricia Ford, whom she raised; family members will join her at her home on June 4, 2005, to congratulate her and share in this milestone in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize Lena Atkinson as a treasured citizen of the State of Texas and extend best wishes to her on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate